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Mystery guest pays for military couple's lunch

Anonymous salute. 'Thank you so much for all you do ...' reads note from generous woman

A mystery customer decided to pay it forward and give thanks to a military couple dining at a south-side restaurant on Wednesday.

A simple meal turned into a touching gesture for Holly Lloy and her husband, Kevin, who were enjoying lunch at Joey South Common around noon Wednesday when they were told by their server that their bill of around $60 had already been paid.

"It was pretty amazing," said Holly.

The kind gesture was a welcome surprise for the couple, who decided to dine together after going to an ultrasound appointment to see their third daughter earlier that morning.

Kevin, who is a Master Corporal, was in his military uniform while he enjoyed a meal with his wife before they both headed back to work.

"It was really nice for someone in Edmonton to show their support for the troops," said Holly, who is ex-military.

The identity of the mystery buyer is unknown to the Lloys, who were given only a note that had a smiley face on top and read: "Thank you so much for all you do so we can live free. Blessings. Thanks."

Joey server Hayley Yaworski helped the female mystery buyer. Yaworski said she wanted to remain completely anonymous for her kind actions. She even requested that the note be given to the couple after she left the restaurant.

"She said she knows a lot of people in the military and she wanted to pay her respects. It made everyone (at the restaurant's) day," said Yaworski.

No applause necessary

"It was nice they did it out of the goodness of their hearts and not for recognition." Holly Lloy

The couple were later told by Joey staff that their drinks and dessert would have been paid for by the restaurant had the woman not paid the bill.

Although the Lloys never got to meet their Good Samaritan, they were touched someone would go above and beyond for a complete stranger.

"It was nice they did it out of the goodness of their hearts and not for recognition. We wish we could have said thank you," said Holly.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

AUSSIE SHOWS OFF SHARP FOCUS TO MP

Australian performer Kate Wright performs with knives over Edmonton Centre MP Laurie Hawn at the media launch for the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival on Wednesday. This will be the 30th year that of the festival, with over 1,500 performances from 40 different artists lined up in various local venues. Full story, page 4.

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Trio remains missing

'We will bring you home very soon'

With still no trace of their missing son, a Calgary couple went public Wednesday with an impassioned plea for the safe return of their "little angel" and his grandparents.

There's been no trace of five-old-year Nathan O'Brien and his grandparents, Alvin and Kathryn Liknes, since they were last seen Sunday at their Parkhill-area home.

The trio was first reported missing Monday morning and investigators have said there's evidence to suggest they didn't leave voluntarily.

Police announced an Amber Alert early Monday evening and, as of Wednesday, had fielded more than 100 tips from across Canada, including possible sightings of the trio.

But with no suspects and no motive, Nathan's parents Jennifer and Rod O'Brien made a public plea to whoever was in custody of their loved ones.

"Please find it in your heart to drop off our little angel Nathan to (where) he can be rescued and reunited with his brothers and his family," Rod said.

Rod said his son is the "glue" of the west-end neighbourhood he, his parents and two other siblings call home. He's said to be a chatty youngster and prefers wearing costumes to regular clothes, a quality that earned the nickname "superhero."

Both Rod and Jen spoke directly to their son, urging him to be brave and stay strong.

"Nathan, you are our superhero right now and we will bring you home very soon," Rod said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

West Edmonton. Drug and impaired driving charges laid after crash

The driver of a Toyota Corolla involved in a serious collision Monday has been charged with impaired driving, along with drug possession after police discovered heroin and other drugs in her car.

Edmonton police responded to the crash at 6 a.m. Monday, near 156 Street and 111 Avenue after the Corolla collided with a Dodge Ram 2500.

Police discovered heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA and gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHHB) in the driver's possession.

Sheryn Ibrahim, 25, has been charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking and two counts of breach of conditions of recognizance.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

On Canada Day. Police arrest man for carrying pair of imitation guns

Edmonton police arrested a 20-year-old Tuesday after witnesses said he was walking around south Edmonton carrying what looked like two guns.

Shortly after 1 p.m. on Canada Day, EPS responded to a weapons complaint on 89 Avenue and 114 Street.

Witnesses said an individual was walking in the area, carrying what looked like a rifle and handgun in plain view.

When police arrived, they arrested 20-year-old Phillip Cheng without incident.

"Both of the weapons basically looked like Airsoft weapons. They were replicas," said EPS spokesperson Scott Pattison. "But, given the location and crowd, given it was Canada Day, police weren't taking any chances."

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Alberta teachers' union fires back at minister

July 11 deadline. Jeff Johnson's requests for employment information 'none of his business': ATA

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"I need your assistance to help me better understand these issues."

Education minister Jeff Johnson, Writing to school boards

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson is seen in this file photo. METRO FILE

Union representatives for Alberta's teachers fired back at the province Wednesday, after the education minister requested school boards disclose details, including complaints, filed against its teachers.

On June 26, Minister Jeff Johnson requested the province's school boards hand over any paperwork detailing complaints lodged against teachers, along with information pertaining to teachers who had resigned, retired or were suspended or terminated.

The boards were given until July 11 to comply.

On Wednesday, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) turned to the province's information and privacy commissioner to determine if it's legal for the boards to disclose such information, which could include personal details and medical records.

"The minister has claimed that there are teachers who are not being held responsible for egregious acts, and we have challenged him to substantiate his anecdotal reports," said ATA president Mark Ramsankar in a release.

In the letter, Johnson identifies a concern for the way teachers who act inappropriately are currently dealt with, suggesting there are issues with the current process.

"I need your assistance to help me better understand these issues," he wrote to school boards.

Despite Johnson's assurances the information would be used for internal use only, Ramasankar said there could be sensitive personal information, including medical reports, leaked during the disclosure since school board offices are generally short-staffed in the summer months.

A spokesperson from the Edmonton Catholic Schools said the district is preparing their submission to the province for the July 11 deadline, but wouldn't be releasing the information to the media.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

30th year. Downtown set to host street performers

The city's downtown streets are going to get more action-packed starting this Friday, as the 30th year of the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival kicks off.

More than 1,500 performances from 40 different artists will be seen in local venues, something organizers say shouldn't be missed.

"Thirty in festival years is really quite special," said Shelley Switzer, festival artistic producer.

With a variety of acts planned for the festival, which runs until July 13, people of all ages can enjoy the performances, said Switzer.

To some, the festival represents a breath of fresh air into the downtown core.

"You could have fired a cannon down Jasper Avenue, but for 30 years this particular festival has brought vibrancy and laughter to our downtown. The Street Performers Festival has added life where there wasn't a lot of life at one point," said Coun. Scott McKeen.

Events above and beyond street routines are also slotted for the festival, including the Be Your Own Busker workshop and the Late Night Madness event for mature audiences.

On-street performances are free, with admission charged only for workshops and special events. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

David Graham and Tobin Renwick perform at the launch of the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival Wednesday. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Prince Charles

Garden suite pilot approved

An Edmonton neighbourhood will get the garden and garage suites it asked for.

City councillors approved a proposed pilot project to allow for the type of secondary suites in the Prince Charles neighbourhood.

"It's great that the neighbourhood has come forward, willing to be the guinea pig for the rest of our city," said Mayor Don Iveson. METRO

Storm's a-brewin'

Loonie-sized hail on the way?

Environment Canada is warning that thunderstorms on Thursday could produce hail larger than loonies and winds of over 90 km/h.

The weather agency put out a special weather statement on Wednesday warning of the potential for the storms across northern and central Alberta on Thursday afternoon and into the late evening.

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Edmonton's coin-operated parking meters could become museum pieces under a city plan to remove them in favour of an electronic pay-by-plate system. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Old meters going way of the dodo

Electronic system coming. Pay-by-plate means the end of finding change for the meter

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The city's parking meters could become museum pieces by this time next year, as city councillors have given a green light on plans to replace the coin-operated meters with electronic ones.

At the city's executive committee, councillors approved plans to replace all of the city's more than 3,000 parking meters with pay-by-plate technology similar to what the city has been piloting over the last year.

Gord Cebryk, the branch manager of transportation operations, said changing the technology is about having the city catch up.

"Ten years ago, you had a flip phone and now you have an iPhone. It's technology and it's more convenient," he said.

The city estimates installing the new system will cost approximately $12 million upfront, but through cost savings and increased revenues, they anticipate an additional $7 million a year to offset that.

Mayor Don Iveson believes it's past time the city retire existing parking meters. He said one of the benefits of the new system is going to be the ability to charge different rates based on demand.

"We can change the price at different times of day much more easily with this kind of system," he said.

Iveson added that will bring in more dollars for the city, but that's not actually the main goal.

"Setting the right prices is not just about revenue, it's about turnover, which is good for downtown," he said.

Walterdale hill ready to roll

Beginning Thursday afternoon, drivers will be able to drive down Walterdale Hill again, nearly a month ahead of schedule.

The construction project was supposed to take until early August, but the city announced the road is going reopen at around 3 p.m. on Thursday.

The city said good weather and hard work combined to make the project move faster than expected.

"The contractor threw a lot of resources at the road project itself and they were able to complete the work," said Allan Bartman with the transportation department.

Bartman said the road reopening is a good sign for the project, but it's too early to know if the new bridge can open ahead of schedule.

"We're certainly hopeful of that, but there's a lot of work to be done yet," he said.

The bridge is scheduled to open on Sept. 15, 2015. Bartman said there's an incentive for finishing the entire project early, but nothing for just the roads.

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"The contractor threw a lot of resources at the road project itself and they were able to complete the work."

Allan Bartman, of the transportation department

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$23,742

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$12,331

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$15,940

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$20,406

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2005 MAZDA RX8 SPORTS CAR
$13,407

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$20,945

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City moves ahead with proposal for redevelopment around Stadium LRT

$11.6-million project? Proposal could carve out new main street running from Jasper near 84 Street to Stadium Road

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This illustration shows what the proposed new main street and redevelopment of the lands could look like. COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

Edmonton councillors moved forward on a plan that would bring a new neighbourhood around Commonwealth Stadium by carving out a new road from Jasper Avenue.

The proposal to add more development around the Stadium LRT station has long been a goal of city council, but Mayor Don Iveson said this council appears ready to commit the funds to make it happen.

"This council seems serious about trying to invite more development there, leverage that LRT station and enhance that LRT station for the people that are already there," he said.

The proposal would build a new main street running from Jasper near roughly 84 Street to Stadium Road and make other improvements to allow for a large, mostly residential neighbourhood in the area.

The cost of the road and other improvements could be as much as $11.6 million, but the city is proposing to work with developers of nearby land on a cost-sharing agreement for those improvement.

Coun. Scott McKeen said the area is prime for development.

"I think there's a tremendous amount of potential here," he said. "It hasn't been a part of the city that we have looked at too seriously for residential development."

The proposal would also possibly look at converting the parking lots around the stadium near the LRT station into residential buildings.

Iveson said the city hasn't yet committed to developing those parking lots, but overall he wants the city to be ready to pursue opportunities.

"I'm really keen to make sure that in all these potential redevelopment sites, especially where there's LRT, that we have created conditions that when the market is ready to take it up, it can go," he said.

Looking like more development

> "This council seems serious about trying to invite more development there, leverage that LRT station and enhance that LRT station for the people that are already there."
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> **Mayor Don Iveson** on more development in the area

Speeders beware. Police crack down on motorists

Edmonton police were out in force over the weekend, cracking down on high-flyer speeders, drunk drivers and collisions.

Along with two serious injury collisions over the weekend, police responded to a number of other incidents, including a collision on June 27 involving a pedestrian and flat-deck pickup truck. According to EPS, a 36-year-old pedestrian was "clipped" by the truck's side mirror.

On Canada Day, EPS arrested two separate drivers involved in a head-on crash that ignited two vehicles and one truck for impaired driving, and are investigating another collision on Terwillegar Drive and Rabbit Hill Road in which they believe alcohol was a factor.

Michael Elliot, 32, was arrested for speeding and driving with the wrong class of licence.

A female driver was also pulled over Tuesday for driving over 129 km/h in a 60-km/h zone.

"Police were out doing speed enforcement, and unfortunately, there was no shortage of motorists violating the speed limit," said Sgt. Glenn Bangs, EPS Traffic Section Selective Enforcement Team. "Many drivers said they were unaware of their speed or their surroundings, and we saw some excessive speeds as well." LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

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Fabien Cousteau surfaces after 31 days

Florida. Cousteau and his crew made the dive to study the effects of climate change and pollution on the coral reef

Fabien Cousteau says his 31-day underwater living experiment in the Florida Keys was a monumental success that used tools his famous ocean explorer grandfather could only dream of.

Cousteau and a team of filmmakers and scientists dove June 1 to Aquarius Reef Base to study a nearby coral reef.

The crew started decompression Tuesday inside the pressurized lab, 63 feet below the ocean's surface off Key Largo. They resurfaced Wednesday and returned to the Aquarius command centre in Islamorada.

The entire expedition was broadcast in real time online, and Cousteau held video chats with classrooms worldwide.

Cousteau says he was struck by the sunlight and fresh air when he emerged Wednesday morning, but he already missed his underwater home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How far below the surface?

63

Number of feet below the ocean's surface that Cousteau and a team of scientists dived under. Cousteau spent 31 days under water.

Fabien Cousteau reacts as he returns to the dock after 31 days undersea in the Aquarius Reef Base on Wednesday. LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research

Claims of simple way to make stem cells withdrawn

U.S. and Japanese scientists who reported that found a startlingly simple way to make stem cells withdrew the claim Wednesday and admitted to "extensive" errors in the research.

In two papers published January in the journal Nature, the researchers said they'd been able to transform ordinary mouse cells into versatile stem cells by exposing them to a mildly acidic environment. Haruko Obokata, the key author of the papers, defended the results and apologized for using wrong and altered images in the published reports. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Military

Germany wants weapons-capable drones

Germany's defence minister wants to buy weapons-capable drones to protect soldiers from attack, drawing criticism in a country where the U.S. use of drones to kill terror suspects has caused unease.

Ursula von der Leyen told lawmakers Wednesday that the German military has had positive experiences with a leased surveillance drone in Afghanistan.

She said the unarmed drone could quickly spot an attack, but it would take "valuable minutes" to call in support from a helicopter or jet.

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North Dakota. State wants lawsuit challenging gay marriage ban dismissed

State officials in the rural northwestern state of North Dakota are asking a U.S. federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit challenging its constitutional prohibition on same-sex marriage.

The state attorney general's office filed the motion late Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Fargo, and its solicitor general argues in court documents that states have the right to define and regulate marriage.

Similar cases are being heard in courtrooms around America, and gay marriage bans have already been struck down in several other states, including in Kentucky on Tuesday.

The fight to legalize gay marriage began in earnest after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the Clinton-era federal Defence of Marriage Act last year.

Same-sex marriage now is legal in 19 U.S. states, including several socially conservative ones, following an impressive legal winning streak for proponents since the Supreme Court last year struck down a key part of the Clinton-era federal Defence of Marriage Act.

Recent polls show a majority of Americans support gay marriage. The issue of whether a state can ban it is expected to eventually reach the Supreme Court.

North Dakota voters overwhelmingly approved a state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage 10 years ago. The ballot received 73 per cent approval.

Seven couples filed the federal lawsuit last month, making North Dakota the last state with a gay marriage ban to be sued by gay couples.

The complaint seeks a declaration that the ban is unconstitutional. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford in an executive committee meeting Wednesday. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Putting the focus on Ford

Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford returned to city hall this week after two months in rehab, pleading for a second chance. He sat down Wednesday with a handful of television networks for one-on-one interviews.

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ON DOING DRUGS

The stress of running Canada's largest city is not what drove Rob Ford to substance abuse, he said Wednesday. Ford told CBC he has been under the influence of alcohol while at city hall as mayor, but never used drugs there.

He was adamant that his professional life is not what prompted his substance abuse, saying he was born with a disease and he will die with it.

"I think people don't understand the triggers and cravings," Ford said. "Some people blame it on their job. This is a disease that was not this job."

ON HIS FITNESS FOR HOLDING OFFICE

Ford said he drank and did drugs "for years" before he was elected mayor. The drugs he used ran the gamut, he said, telling TV station CP24 that he had done mushrooms, marijuana and "everything you can think of," but not heroin.

When asked if someone with uncontrolled cravings is fit for the office of mayor, Ford insisted the job is not one of his triggers.

Ford would not commit to resigning if he relapses, saying only that he is taking it one day at a time.

"I did not drink yesterday and I haven't drank today," he said.

ON THE POLICE INVESTIGATION

Ford has vowed to no longer associate "with the criminal element that's before the courts," but said on the advice of his lawyer he still will not consent to an interview with the police. Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said Wednesday the criminal investigation into the mayor is ongoing.

The embattled mayor also admitted he was smoking crack cocaine just days before he left for rehab, confirming that was the substance in a pipe he was seen holding in a video image obtained by the Globe and Mail.

ON MAKING RACIST, HOMOPHOBIC SLURS

Ford also said the disease makes people say and do things they otherwise wouldn't do and he offered a blanket apology for using ethnic slurs and making reportedly homophobic remarks.

"Everything I said while I was using — I offended a lot of people and all I can do is apologize and say sorry," Ford told CP24 when asked if he would apologize to Toronto's "diverse community."

"I cannot change the past and I think that covers everyone that you just mentioned."

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War crimes

Memo suggests U.S. had no basis to charge Khadr

A previously secret memo on CIA involvement in drone killings is casting new doubt on whether the American government had any legal basis to prosecute Canada's Omar Khadr for war crimes.

In fact, Khadr's lawyers argue in new filings to the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review, the document by the Department of Justice emphatically rejects any such legal foundation, and say his convictions at Guantanamo Bay should be set aside immediately.

In the detailed opinion several months before Khadr pleaded guilty before a military commission, the office of legal counsel in the Department of Justice concluded war criminality turns on a person's actions, not on factors such as whether the person is part of an army or wears a uniform.

"That completely blows away one of the major prongs of the government's theory in all these Guantanamo cases," Sam Morison, Khadr's lawyer, said Wednesday.

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Prairies flood victims trying to keep calm and carry on

Murray Blakwill carries a cooler of food he recovered from his parents' flooded home in Springside, Sask., Wednesday. Nearly 90 communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba have declared emergencies because of flooding and more than 500 people have been forced to leave their homes. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In pictures

1 India. Anniversary for gay rights
A gay rights activist on Wednesday celebrates the fifth anniversary of an Indian court's ruling decriminalizing homosexuality in India. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Egypt. Jailed journo feels hopeless
The family of Mohamed Fahmy, an Egyptian-Canadian journalist convicted on terrorism-related charges, says he doesn't want to put much hope into efforts to free him just yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Italy. Protesting Syrian weapons
Women wear hospital masks as they stage a symbolic protest against the arrival of ships carrying Syrian chemical weapons, in Gioia Tauro, southern Italy, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 California. 3-2-1 ...
A Delta 2 rocket with the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 satellite launches at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 Russia. Low and dry
An employee of Russian Space Training Centre dries the space suits of Russian, American and Japanese astronauts after a simulated water landing near Moscow, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Target-ing a 'family-friendly' environment

'Open carry.' Retailer asking shoppers to not bring firearms into its stores, even where allowed by law

Target is "respectfully" asking its customers not to bring firearms into its stores, even where the practice is allowed by law.

In a statement posted Wednesday on the retailer's corporate blog, interim CEO John Mulligan said that Target wants a "safe and inviting" atmosphere for its shoppers and employees.

"This is a complicated issue, but it boils down to a simple belief: Bringing firearms to Target creates an environment that is at odds with the family-friendly shopping and work experience we strive to create," he said.

In many states, carrying unconcealed guns in public is legal.

Molly Snyder, a Target spokeswoman, said that Target's move is a "request and not a prohibition."

"We don't have any plans for proactive communication to guests beyond what Target leadership shared today," she added.

Target does not sell guns in its stores or on its website.

Target Corp. made the announcement as it faced pressure about its policy on the "open carry" of firearms in its stores. A group called Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America gathered nearly 400,000 signatures for a petition asking Target to prohibit shoppers from carrying guns into its stores.

The group has said it is responsible for getting several chains, including Chipotle, Starbucks and Jack in the Box, to make similar moves. It introduced the campaign after gun rights groups carrying loaded rifles frequently gathered in Target stores including Texas, Alabama and North Carolina to demonstrate in support of "open carry" laws.

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In this 2013 photo, shoppers arrive at a Target store in Los Angeles.
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Midnight ride

Ex-president faces charges in French corruption probe

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy's car wheeled out of the court parking lot in the dead of night Wednesday after he was charged in a corruption probe.

The former conservative party leader had been in custody answering questions from judicial officials. His personal lawyer, Thierry Herzog, and magistrate Gilbert Azibert were also questioned.

Sarkozy is accused of tapping political allies to gain intelligence on a flurry of probes linked to campaign finance. He has vigorously denied wrongdoing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli settlers accused of murdering an Arab teen

Reprisal? Palestinian President Abbas said it's clear extremist Jews murdered the teen and he called on Israel for justice

AUGMENTED REALITY

→ Scan the photo with your Metro news app to see a slideshow of photos from Wednesday's clashes in Jerusalem between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers following the suspected abduction of an Arab teen.

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A Palestinian man argues with Israeli police on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Palestinians accused Israeli extremists of abducting and killing an Arab teenager and burning his body Wednesday, sparking hours of clashes in east Jerusalem and drawing charges that the youth was murdered to avenge the killings of three kidnapped Israeli teens.

Seeking to calm the explosive situation, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged a swift inquiry into the "reprehensible murder" and called on people to respect the rule of law. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said it was clear extremist Jewish settlers were responsible and called on Israel to bring the killers to justice.

"The settlers have killed and burned a little boy. They are well known," Abbas said, accusing Israel of tolerating settler violence toward Palestinians. The death added to tensions caused by the killings of the three Israeli teens, whose bodies were found Monday. Israel accused Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, of being behind the abductions, which led to the largest ground operation in the West Bank in nearly a decade, with Israel arresting hundreds of Hamas operatives as part of a broad manhunt.

The discovery of the bodies led to a national outpouring of grief, with tens of thousands of people attending a funeral Tuesday in which the teens were laid to rest side-by-side. As the burial took place, hundreds of young, right-wing Israelis marched through downtown Jerusalem screaming for revenge.

Hours later, relatives of Mohammed Abu Khdeir said the 17-year-old was forced into a car in a neighbourhood of east Jerusalem that quickly sped off. A burned body believed to be his was found shortly afterward in a Jerusalem forest, though police said late Wednesday they were still awaiting forensics tests to make a positive identification.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said authorities were looking at "a number of different directions" in the killing, including nationalistic or criminal motives. "We are waiting for the final results of the autopsy," he said.

But Abu Khdeir's family said they had no doubt about the killers, accusing extremist Israelis of killing him to avenge the deaths of the Israeli teenagers.

"Who else could do this? There's no one else," said the teen's father, Saed Abu Khdeir. He said he spent the day with police and gave DNA samples to help identify the body.

As of Wednesday evening, police said the testing was still ongoing. Police were also reviewing security camera footage taken from the scene. Relatives said the video showed a car nearing the youth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Bipartisan report endorses some Internet monitoring as 'valuable'

An oversight board has given its endorsement to some of the U.S. National Security Agency Internet surveillance programs that were revealed last year after leaks by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

The new report, which the five-member bipartisan Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board adopted, found that the National Security Agency's collection of Internet data within the U.S. passes constitutional muster and employs "reasonable" safeguards designed to protect the rights of Americans.

David Medine, a former government privacy lawyer who chairs the board, said NSA's Internet surveillance was found to have been "valuable and effective for protecting the national security and producing foreign intelligence information."

The first time the board dissected a NSA surveillance program, it found fundamental flaws.

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'Legal and reasonable'

The oversight board, including a Democratic federal judge, two privacy experts and two former Republican Justice officials, found the NSA monitoring was legal and reasonable.

Al-Qaida. Tighter security at some foreign airports ordered by U.S.

The United States has ordered tighter security at some foreign airports offering direct flights to the United States, the American Homeland Security secretary said Tuesday.

American Intelligence officials are concerned about new al-Qaida efforts to produce a bomb that would go undetected through airport security, one counterterrorism official told The Associated Press.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

American intelligence has picked up indications that bomb makers from al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate have travelled to Syria to link up with the al-Qaida affiliate there.

The order for tighter security came from the U.S.

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Pistorius had no 'rage-type' record, expert report says

State of mind. Court-ordered evaluation adds to conflicting evidence about character of double-amputee runner

Oscar Pistorius arrives at court in Pretoria, Wednesday. WERNER BEUKES, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius does not display the narcissism associated with men in abusive relationships and linked to "rage-type" murders, according to a psychologist's report read Wednesday at the athlete's murder trial.

The defence has sought to support Pistorius's contention that he killed his 29-year-old girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp by mistake, fearing an intruder was about to attack him; the prosecution says the Paralympian is a jealous egotist who shot Steenkamp after a Valentine's Day argument.

Dr. Jonathan Scholtz, a clinical psychologist, found no evidence that Pistorius had a history of "abnormal aggression or explosive violence" but concluded he has a record of feeling insecure and vulnerable, particularly when he is without his prosthetic limbs, defence lawyer Barry Roux said. He read excerpts from the psychological report, part of a court-ordered evaluation of Pistorius's state of mind over 30 days at a state psychiatric hospital.

When physically threatened, Pistorius might have a fearful reaction that could "seem extraordinary when viewed from the perspective of an able-bodied person, but normal in the context of a disabled person with his history," said Roux, quoting from the report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tussauds gives waxworks a royal makeover

Madame Tussauds employees prepare the wax figures of Prince William, left, and his wife, Kate, at the attraction in London, Wednesday. The waxworks of the royal couple have been given a new look two years after they were introduced into the attraction. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snail mail

Letter delivered, only 83 years late

A letter written by a Maine school teacher in 1931 to her mother 240 kilometres away has finally been delivered — 83 years later.

Twenty-three-year-old Miriam McMichael sent the nine-page letter from Houlton to Dollena McMichael in Pittsfield. Both women have since died.

The letter was only recently found at the Pittsfield post office. Town officials tracked down the family, and the letter is now in the hands of Ann MacMichael, 69, of Cornville, Miriam's niece and Dollena's granddaughter. MacMichael says the irony is that the writer apologizes for not writing sooner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Porter must pay in cash when it bumps passengers: Agency

Forced to refine system. Carrier ordered to pay passengers cold, hard cash, not $500 vouchers for future travel, when passengers are bumped

The Canadian Transportation Agency has ordered Porter Airlines to pay cash to passengers bumped from domestic flights.

The regulator has given the carrier, which operates turboprops primarily from Toronto City Centre Airport, until July 8 to detail the actual compensation.

Porter currently doesn't have a compensation policy for passengers bumped due to overbooking from flights within Canada, but has provided a $500 voucher for future travel as a "goodwill gesture."

Responding to a complaint from air passenger rights activist Gabor Lukacs, the agency found Porter's current policy was "unreasonable."

It also ordered the airline to either rebook passengers on Porter or other airlines or provide a free flight back to the point of origin if the bumped passengers no longer want to continue their travel.

The CTA previously ordered Porter to compensate bumped passengers travelling from Canada to the United States.

In that case, Porter must pay twice the total one-way fare or up to $650 if passengers arrive at their destination one to four hours later than scheduled, and four times the fare or up to $1,300 if they're more than four hours late.

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Air Canada must also pay

Air Canada was previously ordered to pay cash compensation to bumped passengers on domestic flights.

- It pays between $200 to $800 in cash, depending on the length of the delay, for flights within Canada and from Canada to the U.S. It pays up to $650 and $1,300 for delays involving flights from the U.S. to Canada.

Ceili is hoping to squeeze back into her dog sweater

Staff worker Kelli Quinones walks golden retriever Ceili on a treadmill at the Morris Animal Inn in Morristown, N.J., in June. For Ceili, it was easy to fatten up when living with a boy who pushed tasty morsels over the edge of his high chair. The extra weight led Eileen Bowers of Bedminster, N.J., to sign up the more-than-100-pound pooch for a five-day fitness camp last month at Morris Animal Inn. The camp offers swimming, nature hikes, treadmill trots, facials, massages and healthy treats like organic granola, string beans and carrots. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Int'l Energy Agency

Electronic devices on 'standby' hog electricity: Report

Billions of electronic devices around the world that are constantly on "standby" are wasting enough electricity each year to power 80 per cent of Canada's needs, says a new report.

And it's only going to get worse, says the International Energy Agency, unless we do something about it.

The report says that demands of businesses and consumers always to be connected comes at a price. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Qantas Airways

Plane turns around due to water leak

Water flowed down the aisles and rained down on passengers of a double-decker Qantas Airways flight bound for Australia after a leak that forced the plane to return to Los Angeles late Tuesday, airline officials and passengers on the flight said.

The flight to Melbourne landed safely again at Los Angeles International Airport about an hour after takeoff, the company said in a statement.

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Canadians FINISH THE SENTENCE

Play Taxi Media, the Canadian based media company with a national ridership of touch screens in taxicabs, asked more than 4,500 riders across the country to finish a series of questions and shares with Metro News their findings.

LOVE:

Thoughts on a riders relationship with their ex demonstrated a strong correlation between men and women feeling that they were much better off without their past lover. In terms of crushes, men and women scored "neck in neck" in noting that most currently do not have a crush but men did score higher when it came to admitting a current crush on a coworker.

LIFESTYLE:

When asked what most riders felt they should change about their current lifestyle, the percentage of men to women who felt they could be a better friend proved equal. The majority of women indicated that they are most keen on going back to school while the bulk of men noted that they felt they needed to slow down on partying. Life also "won't be complete" until the majority of women travel with their male counterparts wanting to finish with more money. Both sexes equally demonstrated the ultimate goal is to get married and start families.

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Lawsuit. LiLo claims maker of Grand Theft Auto stole ... her image

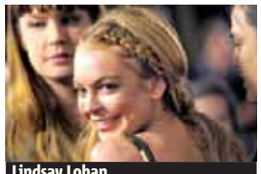
Lindsay Lohan is suing the makers of the Grand Theft Auto video games. The actress says the latest instalment used her image and created a character based on her without her permission.

Lohan's lawsuit was filed Wednesday in a Manhattan court.

Grand Theft Auto V game maker Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. and subsidiary Rockstar Games declined to comment.

Grand Theft Auto V was released in September. Sales topped $800 million US on its first day.

Lohan's lawsuit says a character named Lacey Jonas is an "unequivocal" reference to the Mean Girls and Freaky Friday star.



Lindsay Lohan
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The suit says Lohan's image, voice and styles from her clothing line are depicted. It says the game features West Hollywood's Chateau Marmont hotel, where Lohan once lived.

The character also seeks help skirting paparazzi.

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HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
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I come from nowhere. More specifically, I come from New Brunswick.

I'm taking my girlfriend there in a couple of weeks and she thinks I'm underselling my home province — maybe because I keep saying the three best things are my friends, my family and edible seaweed, not necessarily in that order.

But it's a tricky thing, explaining New Brunswick. I'm finding describing my home province a bit like trying to explain depth to a two-dimensional life form or purple to a blind person. New Brunswick has its pros and cons but to most of the country it's a cipher, an empty space. If it were eliminated from the map by nuclear warfare, all you'd say when you got out of your car is that the drive to Nova Scotia is faster than you remember.

Think about it. Can you name the best hockey player to come out of New Brunswick? No? In Canada, doesn't that mean it might as well not be there? And what about the best musician from N.B.? The best actor? The most striking landmark? The most famous building? What you like the most? The least? Do you even know what the old Brunswick is?

You might have very positive views about Toronto or Saskatchewan, or you might wish Godzilla would visit those places. But you probably have some idea what it is you are loving or hating.

What springs to mind when you think of New Brunswick? It's like a zen koan, designed to free your mind of conscious thought. It's not a good thing or a bad thing. It's just there. Or not. New Brunswick, the new play by Samuel Beckett.

It's been a problem for people in New Brunswick too, as can be seen in years of failed advertising slogans so vague as to be meaningless: "Wow!" was one. No, really. It was just "New Brunswick: Wow!" Another was "Be … In This Place," which really does seem like a zen koan.

And when New Brunswickers aren't being vague, they're trying too darn hard. The province's biggest boosters often seem like people striking up the band so you won't notice the ship is sinking. My hometown, Saint John, has taken to calling itself Renaissance City since I left, which is only accurate in that Saint John often leaves you wondering if you've returned to the 16th century.

Keep in mind, I like Being … In That Place. It's just no obvious consensus has been reached on what New Brunswick is or what it can be. For most of Canada, it's just nothing, but from a tourism perspective I can laud the French-English mix, whale watching, a couple of great national parks and some beautiful sunsets.

I'm not sure I could move back, but I know there's enough beauty there for me to pull my girlfriend close and whisper sweet New Brunswicks in her ear. Wow.

MILITANTS AT WORK

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Iraqis who have fled recent fighting in the cities of Mosul and Tal Afar try to enter a temporary displacement camp but are blocked by Kurdish soldiers on Wednesday in Khazair, Iraq. For more images of refugee life in Iraq over the past week, scan this image with your Metro News app. ALL PHOTOS SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

The Islamic State looks to tighten grip on land

Fresh from success in Iraq, a Sunni extremist group tried to tighten its hold Wednesday on territory in Syria and crush pockets of resistance on land straddling the border where it has declared the foundation of an Islamic state.

The militant group has fed off the chaos and supercharged sectarian atmosphere of Syria's civil war to seize control of a large chunk of territory there. With its recent blitz across Iraq, it has expanded its gains while also effectively erasing the border between the two countries and laying the groundwork of its proto-state.

The group this week unilaterally declared the establishment of an Islamic state governed by Shariah law and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to it.

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By the numbers

800K

Number of people who have fled the city of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, since the Islamic State militants took control, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iraq.

Who are the Islamic State?

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, now calling themselves simply the Islamic State, are an al-Qaida breakaway group.

- Extremists have long dreamed of recreating the Islamic state, or caliphate, that ruled over the Middle East and beyond in various forms over Islam's history.
- But ISIS has managed to do what al-Qaida never has — carve out a large swath of territory in the heart of the Arab world and control it.

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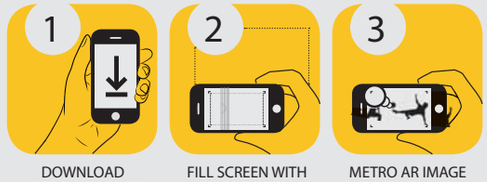

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This is Verruckt

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Behold Verruckt, opening this summer in Kansas City and verified by Guinness as the world's tallest waterslide. After hiking more than 250 steps to the top, riders are strapped in a four-person raft and sent down an early vertical 168-foot drop, because lesser waterslides are for babies.

Obviously, hydrothrillseekers are eager to see what it's capable of, so a park designer and ride engineer rigged a few POV cameras and took it for a spin.

If you're wondering what incredible phrase the Germans managed to squeeze into "verruckt," it just means insane — which is disappointing. (SDG/YouTube)

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SCENE 2

She'll get you, my pretty, the role and your little dog, too!

Wicked. Laurel Harris talks about landing the part of Elphaba in one of the biggest Broadway plays around

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Laurel Harris could hardly believe it when she got a phone call saying she had landed her dream job.

"I was ecstatic. I definitely screamed and ran around my apartment a few times. I'm pretty sure I jumped on my couch, too. This is something I've been wanting for a long, long time," she says.

Harris plays the wicked witch Elphaba in the touring company of Wicked, one of Broadway's biggest plays.

"Looking back, I graduated with a lot of hesitation as to whether this could actually work out as a career for me. I spent my first couple of years in New York auditioning for everything," she says.

The auditions became like an 'unpaid job' to which she would go four or five times a day, five days a week. Finally, there was a breakthrough when Harris was cast in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

"It was my first professional, very well-paying job, and I thought, 'Maybe this is something that could actually happen.' I'm so glad I stuck with it."

Now, with Harris starring in Broadway Across Canada's presentation of Wicked, which stops in five cities across the country, including Edmonton from July 2 to July 20, she gets to transform into something quite different than a Rockette.

Laurel Harris transforms into Elphaba, the star witch of Wicked, playing at Edmonton's Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium until July 20. COURTESY JOAN MARCUS

Check it out

Tickets start at $35 and are available from ticketmaster.ca

- Evening and select matinee performances run from July 2 to 20.
- All shows are staged at Edmonton's Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

"Getting painted a completely different skin colour helps a lot in transforming me into this character."

But even after her makeover, Harris doesn't transform into Elphaba quite yet. First, she takes a moment to reflect. "I'll sing through the beginning of the Wizard and I, and maybe do a few of my first few lines. Then I say a prayer and always dedicate my show to someone."

Harris also thinks of the audience whom she hopes will laugh, cry, and leave the theatre feeling full.

"(I hope they are) reminded of simple lessons like don't judge a book by its cover or things aren't always what they seem.

"I love Elphaba's determination to do what's right in the world, no matter how unpopular it may seem. If everyone could have her compassion for all living creatures and her conviction to treat everyone equally, I believe we would live in a much happier and kinder world."

An alien allegory on goodbyes

Earth to Echo. New film about a homesick extraterrestrial draws parallels to E.T.

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Earth to Echo opened on Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

The fact that critics are simply calling Earth to Echo a millennial version of Steven Spielberg's E.T. doesn't bother filmmaker Dave Green.

"That's always humbling to be mentioned in the same sentence with that movie and I know its not a quality comparison because that movie is such a piece of art," said Green recently, hinting that it's not the only Spielberg work that informed his debut feature. "I saw Jurassic Park when I was 10 years old and there was nothing more fun when I was a kid than being scared in the theatre and knowing you were safe."

The story is about a trio of kids who are forced to move from their neighbourhood, when they set out for one last adventure and find it when they stumble on a homesick alien they name Echo.

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→ Some are comparing Earth To Echo to '80s classic E.T. Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a trailer and you be the judge.

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"The character of Echo, while he's absolutely adorable, he's a vessel through which the kids learn to say goodbye to each other," admitted Green, explaining Echo could've been a bird fallen out of its nest as much as an extraterrestrial.

"The big access point for me was when I was going to college, I had to say goodbye to all my friends that I'd known since I was five years old ... I just remember what that felt like and it was a very bittersweet time."

While the heart of the film has been gaining positive early reviews, the true appeal of the movie for a young audience will be the fact the film utilizes a first-person perspective as if the film were shot by the characters on their smartphones — a precise detail not lost on Green. "This is the language in which kids live and breathe every single day of their lives," said Green. "If you were to watch a version of this movie shot in a very polished J.J. Abrams way, it would be weird if the kids weren't taking their cellphones out and posting it on Instagram."

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"I saw Jurassic Park when I was 10 years old and there was nothing more fun when I was a kid than being scared in the theatre and knowing you were safe."

Earth to Echo filmmaker Dave Green

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Shia LaBeouf ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

They tried to make Shia go to rehab, he said no, no, no (but did seek help)

A publicist says Shia LaBeouf is being treated for alcoholism. Melissa Kates said Tuesday the 28-year-old actor has not checked into a rehab facility, but is receiving voluntary treatment for alcohol addiction. Kates said in a statement that LaBeouf's recent actions — which include an arrest for disrupting a Broadway play — are symptoms of a larger health problem. She said he has taken the first of many necessary steps toward recovery. LaBeouf was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and harassment during a production of Cabaret last week. The actor was arrested for drunken driving in 2008 after he crashed his pickup truck, injuring his hand and knee. LaBeouf is best known for appearing in the first three Transformers films. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jewel follows her Intuition, splits with hubby after 16-year relationship

Singer Jewel and her husband are divorcing after a 16-year relationship. The 40-year-old writes in a letter posted on her website that she and Ty Murray want their separation "to be nothing less loving than the way we came together." A representative for the singer confirmed the news Wednesday. Jewel and Murray were married in 2008. They have a son named Kase. Jewel says she decided to write the post — called Dear World — to inform her fans before the news broke in the tabloids. Her hits include

Jewel

You Were Meant for Me, Foolish Games and Intuition. Her 1995 debut album, Pieces of You, has sold more than 12 million units in the United States. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Word

It's hard to Get Her Back when she won't listen to the album

MELINDA TAUB
Metro in New York City

I know I'm not the only one who thinks Get Her Back is kind of gross. I appreciate that Robin Thicke misses his ex-wife Paula Patton, but dude — making a video of a Paula look-alike drowning in a skull mask before flashing the words "This is just the beginning," is unlikely to get you anything but a restraining order.

Luckily, there's one person who hasn't experienced the full weight of Robin Thicke's creepy take on romance: Paula Patton herself, who hasn't listened to the album. "I don't think she wants to hear it right now," Robin told Hot 97. "I can't speak for her, but I think space is an important part of any healing process."

Kudos to Paula. I imagine there's not much that would hurt Robin Thicke more than refusing to listen to him croon about you.

Paula is making sure that their healing process is spacious indeed. In addition to refusing to listen to his music, she and Robin haven't seen each other in four months. That must take some work, since they share a four-year-old son. Maybe they pass him back and forth wearing blindfolds — and, for Paula, earplugs, in case of any crooning sneak attacks.

Cameron Diaz

It may not be a real sex tape, but Cameron Diaz still bares all in it

Cameron Diaz does something she's never done before in her upcoming movie Sex Tape. She gets naked on camera. It's a first for the 41-year-old actress, who described the experience to Esquire magazine as "just a part of the role." She says her co-star Jason Segel also gets nude onscreen.

In Sex Tape, Diaz and Segel play a bored married couple who decide to spice things up by filming a sex tape. After it's accidentally leaked, they try to get it back. She also has a labour scene in the film. Diaz has been open about not wanting children in real life, saying she never really wanted to be a mother. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nicole Scherzinger talks about battle with bulimia

In the new issue of British Cosmopolitan magazine, singer and former Pussycat Dolls member Nicole Scherzinger opens up about her secret struggle with bulimia. "It is such a horrible paralyzing disease and it was such a dark time for me ... It robs you of living your life," she tells the magazine.

Scherzinger hopes that sharing her story will serve as an inspiration for other people who are struggling with an eating disorder. "You can recover and you can get rid of it forever," she says. "I did it and

Nicole Scherzinger

that's why it's so important for me to share my story."

She says that she developed the eating disorder when she was in her early 20s. METRO

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3 braids to beat the heat

City humidity and heat doesn't mean you have to spend summer in ponytails and messy buns. DreamDry senior stylist Faith Huffnagle shares with us three beautiful braided styles that not only look awesome, but keep you cool. Bonus: All three styles are easier to do when your hair is a little dirty, so go ahead and hit snooze.

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro World News

For the beginner braider: The Fishtail

This fishtail braid looks elaborate, but it seriously only takes five minutes to do. Part your hair and divide it into two sections. Huffnagle recommends a side part so your braid will land over your shoulder. Take a small part of the outer section of one of the two sections you divided your hair into and cross it over, adding it to the inside of the other hair section. Then, do the exact same thing with the other side. Keep your braid tight or it will fall out later. When you're done, secure the end with an elastic and pin in any fly-aways. Pro tip: "The smaller the sections are that you pull from the two bigger sections, the more bone-like and delicate the braid will look," Huffnagle says.

For the intermediate braider: The Juliette

The Juliette is perfect if you are going out to drinks with friends or on a date. Start by sectioning the top third part of your hair and dividing it into three sections. Start a regular braid, but after the first pull, drop one of the section parts and weave a new section part in with the other two section parts. You will be adding to the two original sections all the way around your head, dropping one section with each pull, creating the cascading waterfall look. "If a layer ends, just connect it to another piece of hair in the back and continue from there," Huffnagle advises.

Use a curling wand to create the soft waves. "To really highlight the waterfall, curl the small sections cascading from your horizontal braid," Huffnagle says.

For the expert braider: The Bianca

This crown braid has a bohemian music festival look to it that makes it perfect for summer. Start by grabbing a four-inch section of hair behind your ear. Then, divide that section in to three equal parts, like you would to start a normal braid. What makes this outside braid different from a normal braid is that you are constantly moving the centre piece, pulling it over both ways. The front piece ends up joining the back piece, very similarly to a French braid. Keep going around your head by pulling more hair from the top all the way around. As you braid, make sure it's tight; you can pull it apart a little at the end to loosen it up. Once you get all the way around your head, finish braiding any extra hair, secure it with an elastic and pin it behind your ear or in the back. Pull the braid apart a bit to make it look more relaxed.

Keeping your hair summer safe

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: San Juan del Sur, NI

Name: Bonnie

Age:21

Occupation: OCAD student

What she's wearing:

BDG shoes, skirt from Black Market, Aritzia shirt, Brandy Melville sweater and purse from Value Village.

Her inspiration:

"I am inspired by Japanese street culture… and I really love the Spice Girls (specifically Baby Spice and Ginger Spice … I love platforms and still wear them.)

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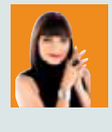

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Lasso summer with rope accents

We usually think of natural rope as utilitarian, used to tie down furnishings on moving day or keep parcels tightly sealed. But its rough-hewn texture offers an excellent way to add a relaxed eco-look to interiors. Available in many colours and thicknesses, rope is fantastic for DIY projects. Not so handy? Here are some products (and inspiration) that tie the knot in style.

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Get your napkins in a twist

Set sail for elegant dining. Braided Nautical Rope Napkin Ring, $4.70, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

Lash your mirror to the wall

Simple wood-framed mirror gets a casual lift from its chunky rope and decorative knobs. Emilio Wall Mirror, $360, CrateAndBarrel.com

Jute as much as you can handle

Stylist Sibella Court's sleek iron handle gets wrapped in natural jute rope for humble nautical flair. Fixed Rope Handle, $12, Anthropologie.com

Pendant lamp shows you the ropes

Rope, wood and glass make for an eco-stylish light fixture. Mango Large Hanging Pendant, $232, VdeVmaison.com

Lay your cords on the table

Mix with blue and white for a nautical inspired luncheon or with silver and gold for an elegant dinner. Vera Wang's Vera Infinity, five-piece place setting, $155, TheBay.com

Send the ants in your pantry packing

Indoor invaders. Keep your house from turning into an ant farm with advice from pest control experts

Ants can be a serious nuisance as they forage for food in cupboards and drawers. ISTOCK

Opening a bag of sugar to find ants crawling about is an experience no one wants to have, yet ants are a common pest many householders battle annually.

Jennifer Murphy, a Victoria resident, had just moved into her new home when she started to think there might be a pest problem. First she found ants in a large bag of sugar, and then while her husband was chopping vegetables he was bitten by an ant, and the pain was so intense he cut himself.

"We were annoyed," says Murphy. "But we knew that because we live in a warm climate, bugs were bound to come around. We had just moved in so we needed to figure out where they were coming from."

The potential entry point and cause of what Murphy believes was a carpenter ant problem was a disconnected dryer vent and a woodpile stacked against the outside wall of the house.

"We moved the woodpile away from the house and connected the vent," she says. "We squished all the ones we found in the house, and that seemed to get rid of them pretty quick."

Ants like moisture

Kurtis Brown, technical supervisor at Victoria Pest Control, says the nesting structure of carpenter and odorous house ants, the two most common types, means there is only so much people can do to avoid a problem.

"Many ants are seeking moisture. Making sure our homes are in good repair, where we fix leaks and we aren't piling soil over our foundations and on to our siding," says Brown.

Aphids attract ants

To deter ants, avoid planting anything in the garden that will attract aphids. Brown says ants are aphid farmers and will move them from around plants to feed on their droppings.

"If you are going to plant something that are prone to aphids, it's important to make sure the aphid population doesn't get out of control," he says. "The relationship between ants and aphids is important, and it is important to avoid planting vegetation right next to our houses where aphids and ants can be found."

Satellite colonies

Carpenter and odorous house ants are particularly problematic because of the way they develop their nests and colonies. Brown says carpenter ants, which have one queen, develop satellite colonies where they move larva, which is what is normally found in a home.

"It's a nest, but there is just no queen," says Brown. "That is where the problem lies with carpenter ant control. You're not only dealing with the ants in the house, but also the constant threat of a parent colony re-establishing a satellite colony in the house. They essentially become a problem because they walk up to the house and walk into it. They walk under the siding, or a power line or up the siding on the outside."

If left unchecked, carpenter ants can eventually cause severe structural problems to load-bearing beams and other parts of the home.

Odorous ants

Like carpenter ants, it is the nesting structure of the odorous house ant that makes them a concern for homeowners.

"They have a multiple queen and multiple nest site structure," says Brown. "There can be anywhere from one nest with one queen to a colony taking over 60 hectares and one million workers."

While odorous house ants don't cause any physical damage to the home, Brown says they can be a serious nuisance as they forage for food in cupboards and drawers. As their name suggests, odorous ants can also stink. They release a pheromone that smells similar to rancid butter or rotten coconuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ants' colonial power

- People who live in areas with a large odorous ant colony often have a recurring problem.
- "It's really tough to stop odorous house ants," Brown says. "They have the widest nest site tolerance out of all the native ant species, so they can nest almost anywhere. I've found nests in toilet lids, in kitchen cupboards, typical spots like crawl spaces and attics, even in a radio. That is what really adds in, what makes them so successful."
- When dealing with a persistent ant problem, Brown advises avoiding pesticides as they aren't very effective. If a homeowner suspects carpenter ants have taken up residence he recommends contacting a pest expert. Baiting through ant traps can be successful for odorous house ants.

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Subtract fish, add mussels and apples for new take on 'fish' cakes

Mussel Potato Cakes with Apple Chutney.

This dish combines unlikely flavours for a delightful combination

"Fish cakes are a staple in the Maritime provinces. Traditionally they were made with salt cod, but now that cod stocks have been depleted, other fish are used," write Alain Bossé and Linda Duncan in their book Mussels. "In this recipe, we've replaced the fish with mussels and green tomato chow commonly served with fish cakes with apple chutney."

Apple Chutney

1. Core and dice the apples.

2. In a frying pan, melt the butter over medium heat and add the apple pieces. Bring to a boil, and stir in the brown sugar and cinnamon. Reduce the heat and simmer until the apples are tender, stirring occasionally. Can be served hot or cold.

Mussel Potato Cakes

1. Rinse the mussels under running fresh water. Throw away any that do not close.

2. In a large pot, add the apple juice and mussels. Cover with a lid and cook on high for approximately 5 to 6 minutes or until steam is pouring out from under the lid.

3. Let the mussels cool. Remove the mussel meat from the shells and put it in a covered bowl or dish. Reserve half a cup (125 ml) of the broth.

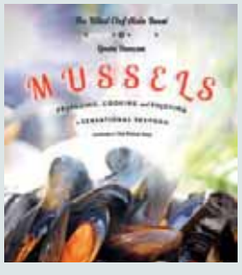
4. Place the onions and mussel broth in a sauté pan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the onions are soft and the liquid is reduced by half.

5. Place mashed potatoes, onions, broth, parsley, summer savory, eggs and mussel meat in a large bowl. Gently mix by hand. Form into 3 oz (100 g) cakes; coat lightly with flour.

6. Fry the mussel cakes in butter over medium heat until crisp and golden brown on both sides. RECIPES FROM MUSSELS (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ALAIN BOSSÉ AND LINDA DUNCAN

Cookbook of the Week

Mussel your way through the kitchen



Alain Bossé and Linda Duncan combine their love for mussels in their aptly titled book Mussels: Preparing, Cooking and Enjoying a Sensational Seafood.

The release features 77 recipes that range from expected dishes such as apps, salads and mains, to pies and cocktails. Enjoy recipes such as Cajun Mussel Soup, Mussels Carbonara, Coconut and Panko Mussels, Mussel Mac and Cheese, Halibut with Mussel Cream and more. METRO

This recipe serves four. PERRY JACKSON FROM MUSSELS (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

Apple Chutney
- 2 medium apples
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22.5 ml) butter
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) packed brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon

Mussel Potato Cakes
- 2 lb (1 kg) mussels
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) apple juice
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cups (750 ml) cooked mashed potatoes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22.5 ml) summer savory
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) flour
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter

This recipe serves two. PERRY JACKSON FROM MUSSELS (WHITECAP BOOKS)

App. Root Beer Mussels

"This fun recipe is very simple and will definitely bring out the child in you. It might be a neat way to get the kids to try a new food," write Alain Bossé and Linda Duncan in their book Mussels.

1. Rinse the mussels under running fresh water. Throw away any that do not close.

2. In a large pot, add the mussels, root beer and shallots. Cover with a lid and cook on high for approximately 5 to 6 minutes or until steam is pouring out from under the lid.

3. Spoon the mussels in a large bowl to serve family-style and pour the broth over-top.

4. Serve with crusty bread and potato chips.

Ingredients

- 2 lb (1 kg) mussels
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) root beer
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) minced shallots

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Bouchard, Raonic extend Canada Day

Wimbledon. Emerging young singles setting new standards for Canadian excellence

Canada's Milos Raonic celebrates after beating Nick Kyrgios on Wednesday at Wimbledon. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First there was Canada's Davis Cup semifinal appearance last fall. Next came Eugenie Bouchard's trip to the final four at the Australian Open early this year.

Now Bouchard is getting ready to play in her third straight Grand Slam semifinal at Wimbledon and this time she will be joined there by fellow Canadian Milos Raonic. It's the most significant achievement yet in the country's rise as a tennis power as no two Canadians have ever advanced this far at one major.

"I'm sure that the outbreak and the response back home is of much more magnitude than anything else that's happened or that's resonated," Raonic said Wednesday after defeating Australian wild card Nick Kyrgios 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (4) to advance to his first career Grand Slam semifinal.

"I think not only (Bouchard) in the last two Slams, but us doing it at the same time here is bigger than anything we've done in Davis Cup, anything we've done at Fed Cup. It has a bigger audience, a bigger meaning, a bigger recognition."

Bouchard advanced to her third straight major semifinal by defeating Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-4. The result is expected to move her into eighth on the WTA rankings list Monday, equalling the Canadian-best ranking held by Carling Bassett-Seguso.

"I'm excited to be in the semis. But, of course, I'm never satisfied, so I definitely want to go a step further, or as far as I can," Bouchard said.

Both have their work cut out for them in the semifinals.

Raonic has not beaten his semifinal opponent, seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, in four career matches.

Bouchard has less history with her opponent, Romania's Simona Halep.

The Romanian won their only meeting, on hardcourt at Indian Wells last March. But fourth-ranked Halep, like Bouchard, is a rising star.

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Support from a trailblazer

"I'm telling you she's going to No. 1. I watched her play. I don't watch too much women's tennis, to be honest with you. I watched that match and I was just blown away."

Canadian Carling Bassett-Seguso — a former world No. 8 almost 30 years ago — predicting more success for Eugenie Bouchard

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'I was just blown away'

Bouchard has a fan in trailblazer

The only Canadian woman to achieve a world top-10 ranking in tennis is watching Eugenie Bouchard's run at Wimbledon with great interest.

Carling Bassett-Seguso was a world No. 8 almost 30 years ago. Currently 13th, Bouchard is assured of equalling that when the next rankings are released Monday.

"I'm telling you she's going to number one," Bassett-Seguso told The Canadian Press following Bouchard's quarter-final win over Angelique Kerber on Wednesday. "I watched her play. I don't watch too much women's tennis to be honest with you. I watched that match and I was just blown away."

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Will and Kate

Genie makes room for Royals

Eugenie Bouchard was minutes away from walking out for her quarter-final match when she found herself in the middle of a royal moment: Prince William, second in line to the British throne, was in the house with his wife, Kate.

"It was funny, when we walked out at five to 1 of the members' locker-room, all these security guards rushed over to us and were like, 'Nobody move. Move your bags to the side. There's some royals coming through.' We're like, 'OK.'

"So we were just waiting, and then suddenly William and Kate walk by to go on Centre Court. I was a little bit in awe."

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Bombers not taking Redblacks lightly

CFL. Expansion team's veteran QB, experienced personnel draw respect from first regular-season foe

Opposing players are rarely popular in Winnipeg, but quarterback Henry Burris expects a special level of animosity when he leads the Ottawa Redblacks on the field for their first regular-season game as a CFL franchise Thursday at Investors Group Field.

"I'm the most hated man in the Prairies now, I guess," said Burris, who spurned an offer to quarterback the Blue Bombers.

He says he made the decision to be closer to family in Springfield, Mass., but also to be part of something historic — the return of Ottawa to the CFL.

On Thursday, just about everyone cited Burris as the reason the Redblacks have a better shot this season than your average expansion franchise.

Burris tried to downplay his role with the team.

"I appreciate that, but for me, I go through my guys. I work my butt off to make sure that we're prepared, because when we're all on the same page, especially as an offence, it makes my job that much easier, especially with the guys that they brought in."

He said he has a great receiving corps in players like Paris Jackson, Marcus Henry, Kierrie Johnson, Matt Carter and Dobson Collins.

"They brought in a lot of great weapons for me to get the ball to."

Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea may not know exactly what to expect from the Redblacks on Thursday but he says there are a lot of reasons, including Burris, not to look at them as just an expansion team.

"They're going to be well coached," he said. "Their GM didn't hire guys that don't have CFL experience. These are all guys that are very well-versed in the CFL game. They're going to be well-prepared."

Jovon Johnson will face his former team as a member of Ottawa's secondary. He said it will feel a little strange not to be playing with the Bombers, who didn't want the former all-star and CFL's 2011 outstanding defensive player back.

While describing it as "a slap in the face," he said "that's just the way the business goes and I'm cool with that."

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Cramping Willy's style

"You've got to play what your eyes see."

Blue Bombers quarterback Drew Willy says he's not quite sure what to expect in facing the Redblacks' defence on Thursday.

Fred Rouse leads the Redblacks out from the locker-room prior to a pre-season game against the Roughriders in Regina on June 14. The Redblacks play their first regular-season game on Thursday in Winnipeg. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Brazilian striker Neymar injured his right knee against Chile but team doctors said he will be fit to play Friday against Colombia. TASSO MARCELO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

World Cup. Colombians sure to push Brazil to limit

Brazil and Colombia enter the World Cup quarter-finals with totally different mindsets.

Brazil is surrounded by doubts after a more difficult start than expected to the tournament it is hosting. Colombia is upbeat after convincing performances and four straight wins.

While the hosts narrowly beat Chile in a penalty shootout to avoid elimination in the second round, the Colombians had a convincing 2-0 win over Uruguay to reach the quarter-finals for the first time.

The South American rivals play Friday in the northeastern city of Fortaleza, with Brazil hoping to keep alive its quest for a sixth World Cup title and Colombia aiming to extend its best-ever run in football's showcase event.

Despite its tradition and home-field advantage, Brazil is far from a big favourite.

"It's normal to have people demanding that we play better," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. "But it's also normal what we have been seeing in this World Cup so far. There were a lot of even matches."

Colombia has won all of its matches without any real difficulty, thanks in part to the tournament's second-best attack with 11 goals. It also has a strong defence with only two goals conceded. Brazil, meanwhile, has scored eight goals and conceded three.

Colombia has beaten Brazil only twice — the last time in the 1991 Copa America — but the teams have drawn the last four matches they played, including in a 2012 friendly in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Happy James

"We're very happy because we are making history. We want to do even more because this is a team that really wants to win."

Colombia midfielder James Rodriguez, who leads the World Cup with five goals

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NHL free agency

Canucks sign 20-goal man Vrbata to two-year deal

The Vancouver Canucks signed right-winger Radim Vrbata to a two-year deal Wednesday.

The 33-year-old scored 20 goals and had 31 assists last season for the Coyotes.

Vrbata, a six-foot-one, 171-pounder from the Czech Republic, has 215 goals and 249 assists in 12 seasons with Colorado, Carolina, Chicago, Tampa Bay and Arizona.

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Right-winger Radim Vrbata joined the Canucks on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Raptors hold on to leader Lowry

Kyle Lowry is staying with the Raptors.

The veteran point guard who led Toronto to its first post-season appearance in five years tweeted he's re-signed with the team.

Lowry was the top point guard available in NBA free agency.

The 28-year-old is coming off a stellar season in which he averaged a career-best 17.9 points-per-game and 7.4 assists-per-game.

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Rowdy in Sao Paulo

Cops turn stun grenades on fans

Police in Sao Paulo say they used stun grenades and tear gas to disperse thousands of fans celebrating Argentina's 1-0 World Cup win over Switzerland.

A Sao Paulo police department press officer says the partying by close to 3,000 people began Tuesday afternoon and only ended early Wednesday morning, "when we were called in to disperse the crowd that had gotten too rowdy."

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NBA free agency

Bradley signs four-year pact with Celts

Avery Bradley has agreed to a $32-million, four-year deal to remain with the Boston Celtics.

Agent Mitchell Butler confirms the deal Wednesday for Bradley, the No. 19 pick in the 2010 draft.

Bradley averaged a career-best 14.9 points in 60 games last season as the starting point guard while Rajon Rondo was recovering from a torn knee ligament.

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NBA free agency

Hayward lands in lovely Cleveland

Gordon Hayward once named Cleveland his least favourite NBA city. He might have to change his mind.

Utah's restricted free agent small forward has scheduled a meeting with the Cavaliers, who have turned their sights to improving their roster after getting all-star point guard Kyrie Irving to agree to a contract extension.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't worry too much about details today. Instead, focus on the bigger picture. That applies as much to your personal life as it does to your work. Don't let loved ones pin you down to plans that stifle your creativity.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is no need to be quite so competitive. The planets indicate if you relax, the rewards will be greater than you imagined. And, you won't have wasted time and your energy on senseless rivalries.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
With Venus moving through your birth sign, you seem to be more mellow than usual and that's good. It's also necessary as something is about to occur that will take you by surprise.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't expect everything to go according to plan today. It may be that a colleague is jealous of your success and will say things that are designed to undermine you. Don't take them seriously.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Over the next 24 hours something will make you want to let the world know what a passionate human being you can be. The only danger is you will come on too strong and frighten special someone away.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put chores out of your mind and focus on what makes you feel good about yourself. Think of dreams you had and plans you made and give yourself credit for coming this far.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel and social plans may be disrupted today, so try not to make promises you won't be able to keep. There is no point trying to look too far ahead.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What happens today will bring a chance to make much-needed cash but you are going to have to be less conservative in your money-making ventures. You don't have to gamble but be open to alternative possibilities.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Break a few rules today. The planets are urging you to do something that stirs things up a bit in your quiet little corner of the world. Rock the boat and see who falls out.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
As Venus, planet of harmony, is moving through the area of your chart that governs your wellbeing, take things easy today. That's easy by Capricorn standards — people will still get exhausted just watching you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your passion for a creative project knows no bounds. There is, however, a danger that you could lose touch with reality and allow it to become all-consuming. Don't forget to come up for air, occasionally.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Feelings you have been keeping hidden will burst out for the world to see today and, yes, it will be embarrassing. But better to be embarrassed than to go on pretending you don't care. You always care. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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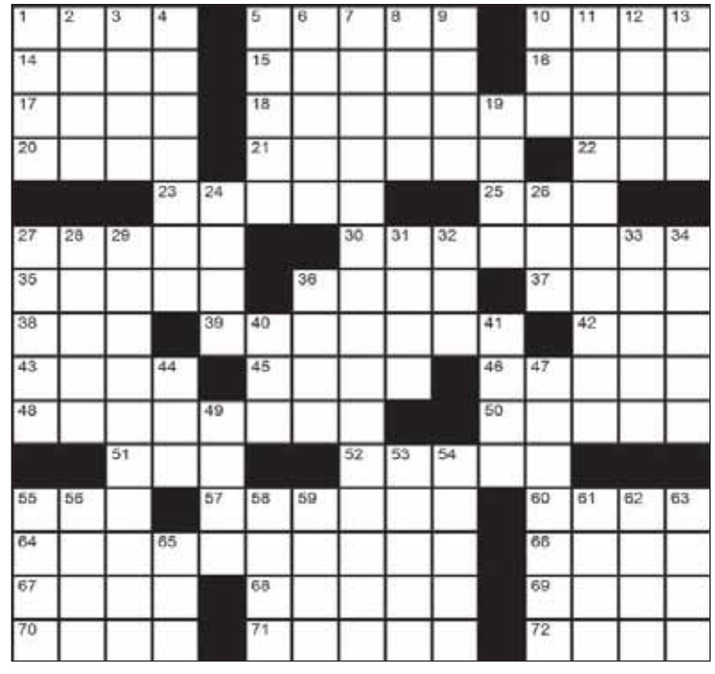
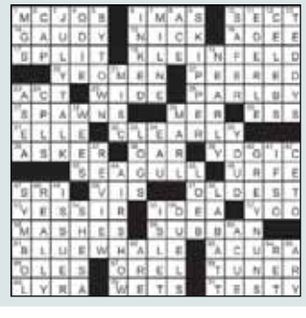


Across
1. The Four __ (Canadian singing quartet)
5. Gawk
10. Pinnacle
14. Division
15. Curved
16. "The Maple Leaf Forever" composer: Alexander __ (b.1830 - d.1906)
17. And, e.g.
18. GGFG = Governor General's __ __
20. "On the Loose" is by which Canadian rock band?
21. One who evades
22. Fragment
23. Soil fertilizers
25. Sad ER declaration
27. Streetside 'steeping' spots
30. Casey or Finnegan, e.g.: 2 wds.
35. Provide cheer
36. "Bye!"
37. Fight
38. __ Tin Tin
39. Crop __ (Designs in the wheatfields)
42. French season
43. Requests
45. 1990s kind of party
46. Actress Amy
48. "The Fault in Our Stars" (2014) star Ms. Woodley
50. Bothers
51. Nero's 511
52. Excavation extraction
55. Dined
57. Paltry
60. Canadian songstress, Shakura S'__
64. Gen-Xer's kid, perhaps
66. "Canadian __"
67. Great Lake
68. ___ ($1,000)
69. Film holder
70. Crew __ top
71. Celine's hubby, and namesakes
72. Simple

Down
1. Montreal-born hockey great Mr. Robitaille's
2. Kind of buffalo
3. __-dong! (Doorbell sound)
4. __. __ Village (Winnipeg neighbourhood)
5. More secure
6. Web forum annoyer-er
7. When a musician 'unplugs' he/she is doing a what of their song?: 2 wds.
8. Like a brought-back-to-the-store item [abbr.]
9. The __ (U2 guitarist)
10. Li'l music trophy
11. House's exterior as landscaping, etc. in real estate: 2 wds.
12. 'Noon' in Nice
13. In the past, in verse
19. Language of Pakistan
24. "Hey! Hold on __!"
26. Ancient Rome: Harvest goddess
27. Org. that handles the Juno Awards
28. "Witness" (1985) folk
29. "One Nation Under a Groove" band
31. Low-lying area
32. 'P' in literary monogram EAP
33. Celebrated currants-created Cake communication: 2 wds.
34. Hair lock
36. Ocean Spray flavour, __-Raspberry
40. Anger
41. Wrapped garment
44. VI
47. Veronic __ (Canadian impersonator whose repertoire includes Adele and Lady Gaga)
49. Citrus fruit
53. Uplift
54. Mr. Lovett's
55. Church word!
56. Canadian __ 'Money'
58. Bldg. planner
59. Canadian chef Ms. Yarymowich
61. Brain wave
62. John and Jane
63.Friendly nation
65. Currency in Albania

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	2			3			1	
			5		6		8	
				7			4	3
6					5	8	9	
	5		9		2		7	
	8	7	6					1
3	9			6				
	1		2		4			
	7			5			6	

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	7	6	4	9	1	3	5
1	9	6	8	5	3	7	4	2
5	3	4	7	1	2	6	9	8
4	7	3	2	6	8	9	5	1
6	8	1	4	9	5	2	7	3
9	5	2	3	7	1	4	8	6
3	6	8	9	2	4	5	1	7
2	4	5	1	3	7	8	6	9
7	1	9	5	8	6	3	2	4

Weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAX: 30° MIN: 14°	MAX: 23° MIN: 12°	MAX: 22° MIN: 12°

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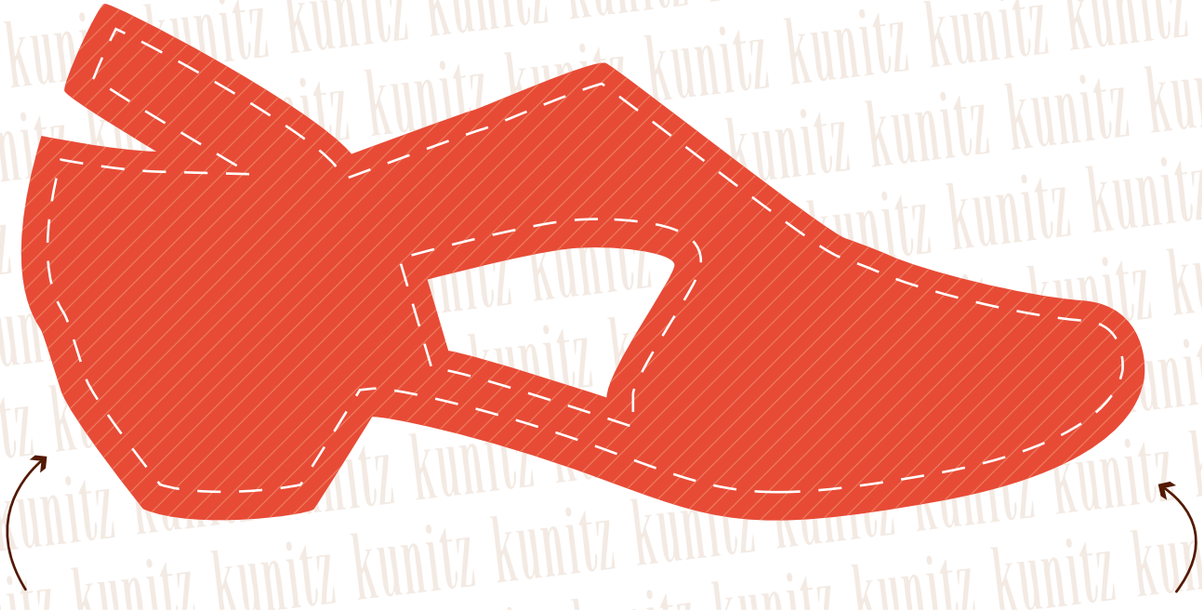

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